



## EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CLEAN AIR AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATIONS

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*2010 was the year in which EFCA developed and published its second Policy Initiative which addressed the need to integrate policies on climate change and air pollution. Response from policymakers in Europe provided opportunities for a follow-up in different areas of EU policy. At a Special EFCA session at IUAPPA's World Clean Air Congress in Vancouver its main outcomes were presented to a wider audience.*

In the year of IUAPPA's World Clean Air Congress EFCA's members are less likely to organise international events in Europe and rather concentrate at the global meeting. Indeed there were not any EFCA symposia in the past year. The organisation of three EFCA symposia in 2011 was started, however, and Calls for Papers were distributed through EFCA channels for the 3<sup>rd</sup> symposium on Ultrafine particles and the 6<sup>th</sup> symposium on Non-CO<sub>2</sub> Greenhouse Gases. A third activity, already announced to take place in France, which would address the co-benefits between AQ and CC policies at local levels inspired the French government to organise a major national event on exactly this topic which made France less suitable to host this EFCA symposium.

There were several interactions with European policymakers in 2010. Following earlier activities on the co-benefits by integrating policies on climate change and air pollution an analysis was made on present European and international legislation in these fields. The conclusions of this study resulted in a number of recommendation for modification of some of the relevant Directives in the EU. In addition, it was noted that a framework for legislation with an impact on the earth' atmosphere does not exist. It was recommended that policymakers support action to develop of a Law of the atmosphere at the level of the United Nations.

EFCA's Policy Initiative no. 2, "Linking air pollution and climate change: a challenge for European legislation" generated response from several members of the European Commission. Following this EFCA advised DG Industry and entrepreneurship on future directions for its policy with respect to the Eco-industry sector.

EFCA was also invited to give input at the start of the development of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) after 2013. This resulted in an EFCA Note, "Thoughts on food". In addition, EFCA was represented at a conference to start the process towards a new CAP. DG Environment started the process towards a revision of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive which will, among various other aspects, address the relation with climate change policy.

Membership remained constant at 15 Members and Observers.

In 2010 EFCA issued three Newsletters with summaries of new international policy developments, in the EU as well as in UN-ECE context. The EFCA website [www.efca.net](http://www.efca.net) supported and documented the above activities.

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